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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - LABOR DISPUTE THREATENS DISRUPT PAA/TWA
OPERATIONS IN ROME

1. IT NOW APPEARS LIKELY ROME/FIUMICINO GROUND SERVICES PERSONNEL
WILL BOYCOTT PAA/TWA OPERATIONS BEGINNING APRIL 20. IN ADDITION
TO REFUSING SERVICE AIRCRAFT, DEMONSTRATIONS AND POSSIBLE HARASS-
MENT OF PASSENGERS AT TICKET COUNTERS MAY OCCUR. TWA PLANS OPERATE
SOME ROME SERVICES, CANCEL SOME, AND PERHAPS OVERFLY ROME ON
OTHERS. PAA PLANS NOT YET KNOWN.

2. ISSUE IS RELOCATION OF TWO FLIGHT PERSONNEL FROM ROME TO
PARIS. TWA HAD PLANNED TO CONSOLIDATE EUROPEAN OPERATIONS IN
PARIS, CLOSING ROME AS BASE OF OPERATIONS. TO BACK TWA FLIGHT

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PERSONNEL, GROUND SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE BOYCOTTING BOTH US
CARRIERS.

3. DISRUPTION ROME SERVICES WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 22. GROUND SERVICES UNION LEADER HAS REQUESTED TWA TO ASK LABOR MINISTER BERTOLDI TO INTERVENE, IN WHICH CASE UNION WILLING TO CALL OFF BOYCOTT. LOCAL TWA REP HAS REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS AND NEW YORK. BEAUDRY

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